

REMARKS

I. Introductory Comments

Claims 1-4, 6-11, and 13-28 are pending. The pending office action indicates that claims 21 and 29 are objected to, but allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 21 (dependent on Claim 8) recites exchanging working queries and answers through a working query exchange server, while claim 29 recites establishing a supervisor hierarchy with a parental authority level associated with parent prepared queries and a child authority level associated with child prepared queries.

In a recent telephone conference with the Examiner, the Examiner clarified that the §103 rejection in part 8 of the pending office action incorrectly lists claim 21 as one of the rejected claims. The Examiner also clarified that claim 29 is allowable due to the supervisory hierarchy features in claim 29, rather than the "exchange" feature attributed to claim 29 in the pending office action. The Examiner indicated that he would prepare an interview summary record reflecting the substance of the telephone conference.

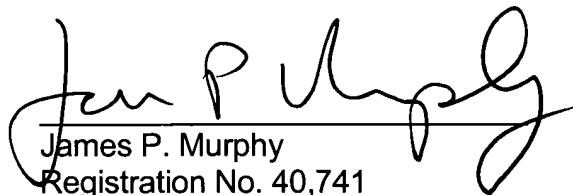
II. Claim Amendments

Applicants have amended claim 8 to include the subject matter found allowable in dependent claim 21. Applicants have also amended the other independent claims 1, 14, and 25 to include the subject matter recited in allowable claim 21. Thus, each independent claim now recites exchanging working queries and answers through a working query exchange server.

III. Conclusion

The Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned via telephone if the Examiner has any questions, comments, or concerns, or if a telephone conference would expedite examination of this application.

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